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SUBJECT: ROUND-UP BEFORE FINAL PLENARY

FROM AMBASSADOR BENNETT

1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS JUST CONCLUDED TELECON WITH FORMAN. AS
OF LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 26, WITH FINAL PLENARY SCHEDULED THIS EVENING
7:00 P.M, IT APPEARS US WILL BE ISOLATED IN VOTING NO ON WHOLE TEXT
OF LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION. GERMANS HAVE URGED US TO
ABSTAIN ON THE WHOLE AND HAVE INDICATED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS SUFFICIENTLY
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FLEXIBLE TO PERMIT THEM TO DO SO EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL VOTE NO ON CERTAIN KEY PARAGRAPHS. BRITISH WITHOUT FINAL INSTRUCTIONS BUT MARTIN STRONGLY DESIRES ABSTAIN AFTER VOTING NO ON PARAGRAPHS. JAPAN IN SAME POSITION.

2. WE HAVE JUST COME FROM MEETING CALLED BY PROBST AS CHAIRMAN, GROUP B AND O'SULLIVAN AS CHAIRMAN EC, THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP B ON PRESIDENTIAL DRAFTING GROUP. GERMANS AND BRITISH ALSO ATTENDED THIS SESSION. O'SULLIVAN DID MOST OF THE TALKING. BOTH O'SULLIVAN AND PROBST BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE, THEY DARE TO HOPE BASIC, CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF G-77 SINCE LATE LAST NIGHT AND THAT THERE IS TRUM FROM MOOD OF CONFRONTATION TO ONE EARNESTLY SEEKING CONSENSUS. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND GENERAL DISPOSITION ON PART OF G-77 THIS MORNING TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GROUP B ON ALL DISPUTED PARAGRAPHS EXCEPT 19, 33 AND 47. ON BEING PRESSED O'SULLIVAN ACKNOWLEDGED THERE MIGHT BE ONE OR TWO MORE PARAGRAPHS SUCH AS 62(E) WHICH WOULD GIVE US AND FRG PROBLEMS. TO THEM G-77 HAVE COME A LONG WAY, AND EMERGING DRAFT IS ONE WHICH PROBST AND O'SULLIVAN ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT, WITH EACH DELEGATION EXPRESSING ITS RESERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS.

3. WHEN I INDICATED THAT US DELEGATION INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO CALL FOR VOTE ON UNACCEPTABLE PARAGRAPHS AND TO VOTE NO ON THE WHOLE, O'SULLIVAN BLEW UP. WHEN HE SAID IT CAME AS A GREAT SURPRISE THAT US WOULD EVEN THINK OF ASKING FOR VOTE, I SAID IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO HIM IN VIEW OF COMMENTS WE HAD MADE IN GROUP B MEETINGS AND THAT MOST OF COMMUNITY CERTAINLY KNEW HOW WE FELT. PROBST INDICATED NO SURPRISE. O'SULLIVAN ASSERTED US WAS PUTTING EC IN "INTOLERABLE" POSITION. HE CONTINUED TO STRESS US IN ROLE OF VILLAIN IF WE ASKED FOR VOTING, SINCE G-77 HAD COME SO FAR ON ALL BUT FEW REMAINING PARAGRAPHS WHICH THEY REGARD AS "FUNDAMENTAL". AT ONE POINT HE WENT SO FAR AS TO CHARGE THAT IT LOOKED AS THOUGH US HAD COME HERE WITH INTENT FROM BEGINNING TO TORPEDO CONFERENCE, AND SAID OUR ATTITUDE BROUGHT TO NAUGHT ALL THE WORK HE AND OTHERS HAD BEEN TRYING TO DO IN WAY OF ACHIEVING CONCESSIONS FROM G-77. THE GERMANS SPOKE UP TO SAY HE WAS GOING TOO FAR WITH THAT ALLEGATION. O'SULLIVAN CONTINUED THAT WE WOULD BE REJECTED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMERGING PROSPECT OF A WHOLE NEW ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF ALGERIA AND OTHERS. HE FOUND GOOD FAITH ON THE PART OF G-77 LEADERSHIP AND THOUGHT WE MUST TRUST IT. G-77 DID NOT WANT A VOTE HERE, ONLY RESERVATIONS.

4. I RESPONDED THAT, WHILE WE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE UNTIRING EFFORTS OF PROBST, O'SULLIVAN AND OTHERS IN THE INTERMINABLE DRAFTING SESSIONS, THERE WERE STILL BASICALLY UNACCEPTABLE TEXTS.

WE HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT G-77 "FUNDAMENTAL" PRINCIPLES, BUT IT SEEMED TO BE OVERLOOKED THAT WE TOO HAD SOME FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND WE DID NOT PROPOSE TO ABANDON THEM. IT SURPRISED USDEL THAT SO MANY WERE READY TO TAKE UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. AS FOR G-77'S NOT WANTING A VOTE, THAT WAS A PERFECTLY NATURAL DESIRE ON THEIR PART, BUT MY INSTRUCTIONS CAME FROM WASHINGTON. USDEL WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK FOR VOTES ON OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPHS AND TO VOTE NO ON THE WHOLE.

5. O'SULLIVAN CONTINUED TO REGALE AGAINST US ATTITUDE OF RIGIDITY AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT WE WOULD SO POISON ATMOSPHERE THROUGH VOTING HERE THAT IT WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON UPCOMING MEETINGS SUCH AS PARIS ENERGY CONFERENCE. I TOLD HIM I WOULD TELEPHONE WASHINGTON TO REPORT HIS CONCERNS, BUT I DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGE IN OUR POSITION. THERE WERE TOO MANY THINGS WRONG WITH THE DOCUMENT, INCLUDING AT LEAST THE THREE MAJOR ISSUES OF INDEXATION, PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND FORMULATION ON COLONIALISM. I QUESTIONED WHETHER SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES HAD REALLY BEEN SETTLED SATISFACTORILY.

6. GERMANS AND BRITISH PLAYED PASSIVE ROLE THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION BUT DID ADMIT THERE WERE SOME PARAGRAPHS THEY WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST IF VOTE CALLED FOR. PROBST TOOK SAME POSITION FOR SWITZERLAND. MEETING ENDED IN GOOD HUMOR WITH O'SULLIVAN SAYING THAT IRELAND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF THE US, COME WHAT MAY.

7. COMMENT: A GOOD PART OF O'SULLIVAN'S AGITATION, OF COURSE, LIES IN FACT THAT, BY REQUIRING VOTE, WE ARE PUTTING EC ON THE SPOT. ONCE THERE IS VOTING, OTHERS MAY CONSIDER THEMSELVES OBLIGED TO CAST NEGATIVE VOTES ON ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THEM. AT LATER GROUP B MEETING, CHAIRMAN PROBST COMMENTED (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO US) HE HOPED IT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH FINAL PLENARY WITHOUT VOTING. WE SHALL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO URGE OTHERS TO STAND UP FOR THEIR CONVICTIONS, BUT AS OF NOW WE SEE NO NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE WHOLE TEXT OTHER THAN OUR OWN. IT PROMISES TO BE A LONG ROUGH NIGHT.
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